



GT STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

Sponsored by MCGATE and the Maryland State
Advisory Council on Gifted and Talented Education

Maryland Gifted and Talented students in grades 5-8 are invited to participate in an essay contest titled,

“What have gifted education opportunities meant to me?”

As an ambassador of gifted education, the winning student will be encouraged to present the essay to his or her State Legislator and local school board in writing and/or in person. This is the opportunity to let your Legislator and local district know that gifted education is important and necessary for all high potential students in Maryland.

The winner will be awarded a **\$50.00** check from MCGATE, a certificate, and a letter of recognition from the Maryland State Advisory Council on Gifted and Talented Education. Copies of the letter, certificate, and essay will also be sent to his or her local Superintendent. In addition, the winner will be given a special invitation to the Maryland State Department of Education's *Celebrating GT Education Reception* at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, MD, on February 28, 2013!

Essays must be typed, double-spaced using 12-point font, and should be no longer than three pages. Attach the application form to the essay.

Entries must be postmarked by December 21, 2012. The winner will be notified by February 1, 2013. The competition is open to all Maryland public school students in grades 5-8 who participate in or have participated in special programs for gifted and talented learners. One first place winner will be selected.

Please submit any questions to: McgateBoard@gmail.com

WHAT HAVE GIFTED EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES MEANT TO ME?

Essays should include your responses to the following questions:

1. What are your interests and your short-term goals (in the next few years) and long-term goals (college and career)?
2. In what ways has your school's gifted and talented programs helped you to pursue your interests and develop your talents?
3. What teacher has made the most impact? How?
4. How would your life be different if you had not had the opportunity to participate in gifted and talented programs?

GT Student Essay Contest Application

Please complete this form and send it with the essay to:

McgateBoard@gmail.com

Or to:

**Mrs. Yvonne Golczewski, MCGATE Vice President
1823 Morning Brook Drive, Forest Hill, MD 21050**

Student's Full Name:

School Name:

Grade:

Home Address:

Parent Email:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked by December 21, 2012

